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SUBJECT: NEW ZEALAND FISHERIES EXPORTS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER  
LARGEST EVER

1. ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION RELEASED BY THE FISHING INDUSTRY BOARD, EXPORTS OF NEW ZEALAND FISHERIES PRODUCE IN THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976 TOPPED PREVIOUS RECORDS. THE EXPORTS TOTALLED 20,552 TONNES VALUED AT NZ\$37,875,733 COMPARED WITH 14,494 TONNES IN 1975 VALUED AT NZ\$25,747,209. THIS REPRESENTS A 41.8 PERCENT INCREASE IN WEIGHT AND A 47.1 PERCENT INCREASE IN VALUE.

2. EXPORTS OF FRESH, CHILLED, FROZEN, SMOKED OR OTHERWISE PROCESSED FISH AMOUNT TO 17,257 TONNES VALUED AT NZ\$14,753,660 AN INCREASE OF 58.4 PERCENT BY WEIGHT AND 67.7 PERCENT BY VALUE OVER 1975.

3. THE ONLY FIN FISH TO RECORD A DECLINE WAS EELS, WHICH AT 1,75 TONNES VALUED AT NZ\$2,269,457 REPRESENTS A DROP OF 29 PERCENT BY WEIGHT AND 17 PERCENT BY VALUE. THIS PUTS EELS UNCLASSIFIED

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IN SECOND PLACE BEHIND SNAPPER AS THE MOST VALUABLE OF THE FIN FISH EXPORTS. AT 5,203 TONNES VALUED AT NZ\$5,887,184 SNAPPER EXPORTS ARE AN ALL-TIME RECORD. THIRD PLACE IS TUNA WITH EXPORTS OF 4,498 TONNES VALUED AT NZ\$1,836,660. OF THIS TOTAL 4,473 TONNES WAS MADE UP OF SKIPJACK EXPORTED TO AMERICAN SAMOA AS A RESULT OF THE PURSE-SEINING OPERATIONS OF THE NEW ZEALAND PELAGIC FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT

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4. THE MOST VALUABLE SEA FOOD EXPORTED WASSROCK LOBSTER  
AT NZ\$19,048,422 WEIGHING 1,918 TONNES - AN INCREASE OF 57.8  
PERCENT IN VALUE AND 10.2 PERCENT INCREASE IN WEIGHT.

5. A TOTAL OF 77 PERCENT OF 1976'S EXPORTS BY VALUE  
WENT TO NZ'S THREE MAIN EXPORT MARKETS; THE USA (MAINLY  
WHITE FISH FILLETS). IN EACH CASE THERE WAS A VERY SUBSTANTIAL  
INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF EXPORTS AS COMPARED WITH 1975.  
AT NZ\$5.9 MILLION VS NZ\$2.5 MILLION IN 1975, EXPORT VALUES  
TO JAPAN INCREASED BY 134 PERCENT. EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA, AT  
NZ\$7.2 MILLION VS NZ\$4.8 MILLION, INCREASED 49 PERCENT AND  
TO THE USA AT NZ\$16 MILLION VS NZ\$10.5 MILLION INCREASED  
53 PERCENT.  
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